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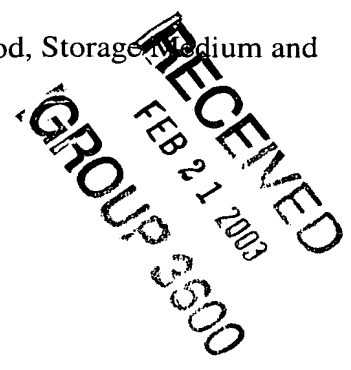
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1) and (b)(3), within three months of the filing date of the application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last.

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 were made of record in a corresponding application in Europe. A copy of the European search report is submitted herewith.

Because all of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are in English, under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), no commentary is required.

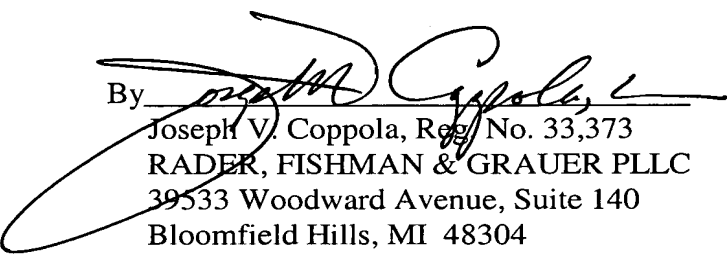
A copy of each reference, together with a listing on form PTO-1449, is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the official record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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